**New Migrants to Australia**

**WELCOME**

**“The GOAWA welcomes you and your families. Should you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us? We will endeavour to make your move and settlement in Australia a truly memorable experience”**

# ****A list of things to do when you arrive****

As with anything in life, it begins with an idea. It’s a simple idea, which, in this case, is “I think I’ll move to Australia”. Yes, it’s a simple idea but it’s also a very big one and also it is a very big move. It some cases it might be a very daunting task.

Here's a list on what you need to do when you've landed in Australia. Pick up a copy of "On Arrival" magazine at the airport; it contains lots of ideas, information and helpful websites.

### Activate bank account

There is so much to consider; service fees, deposit rates, interest rates, transfer fees, minimum account balances, overdraft fees, late payment fees, ATM fees, debit card transaction fees and more. Here in Australia, we have a “Big Four” in our banking world. Those banks are, in alphabetical order, ANZ, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, National Australian Bank (NAB) and Westpac. It’s difficult to say which is biggest out of those four, it depends which criteria you’re using as a measurement.

Explore the area or suburb you think you would like to live in and ask the locals as many questions as possible. Most banks have a daily transaction account for day-to-day personal banking and an e-Saver account as an interest paying deposit account. All your pay is credited to the daily transaction account. Opening those two accounts would be the perfect start for anyone moving to Australia and looking for banking facilities.

### Transport in Australia

Australia’s public transport system includes trains, buses, trams (not in WA) and ferries. There are also taxi services in all cities and major towns. The types of transport available vary between cities.  Each state and territory has a public transport website:

Western Australia — <http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/>

Types of tickets:

The two types of tickets available on Transperth are

* SmartRider cards

This is the cheapest and most convenient way to ride on all Transperth services. The card fits into your wallet and is reusable, letting you top-up with additional funds as you need.

<http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/smartrider/types-of-smartrider>

* Cash tickets

You can buy cash tickets from ticket machines at train stations and ferry jetties, and from bus drivers.

<http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/tickets-fares/fares>

<http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/tickets-fares/special-fares>

### Arrange a house rental

Start reviewing some accommodation property options.

When filling out application form, put at the top of the rental application form **“recently emigrated from <country> and will offer 3 months rental in advance in cash”**

Viewing days are often arranged rather than an individual viewing, most agents won’t let you come and pickup the keys and view a property straight away. They tend to have days where several interested people go along but they tend to have them every few days.

Build up a list of estate agents and their addresses, ask when calling if they have any other similar properties. They may not be that forthcoming so the best thing to do is drive to their offices, go to the front desk where they will have printed lists of all properties. Once you have these lists drive to the house and see what it’s like from the outside. If it’s good (and many aren’t) call the agent and find out when it can be viewed. It’s very exhausting but you can get maybe 3 or 4 viewed a day if you can get the timing right.

**When you’ve found a rental**:

* Go through the inventory with the Rental Agent etc. so any damages are logged down - be scrupulously detailed.
* Take a video of EVERYTHING.
* Turn on taps to see if there’s good water pressure.
* When moving in, make sure that all existing defects with the property are marked on a sheet with both you and the owner (or agent) having a copy. Ask the agent for the checklist used in final inspections and work from this. In particular pay attention to anything like carpet stains, wall marks, oil stains in garage, scratches on windows/mirrors, hooks on walls, etc.
* If buying a plot of land, get a soil test done or put in an offer for land ‘subject to soil test’.

Once you’ve decided which house you like, the agent will give you an application form, get it filled in (these are handed out at each viewing) and back to them asap. Now depending on the agent and the circumstances it may take only a couple of days to process and you then get the keys. Easy as that.

There may be a delay if the agent has to send your application to the owner who then takes a week to decide before saying yes or no. If there is a delay like that just carry on viewing properties until you know for sure if you have it.

Short term furnished rental

Short term furnished comprise of accommodations available to let for relatively short periods of time (e.g. weekly, monthly). Corporate let or serviced apartments and holiday lets would fall under this category.

A variety of standards are available, but usually they are relatively well equipped with everything you would expect to find in a basic house, such as kitchen equipment, furniture, and sometimes bedding and towels. They are often quite highly priced, but with the added convenience of a living layout (a full house or apartment all to yourself), rather than just a room, so you can just do your own thing. This often makes a particularly attractive proposition over a hotel to families with children. Some short-term furnished rentals include a weekly or twice weekly service where the living space is cleaned and the bed linen and towels replaced.

Longer-term rental

In some areas, in particular inner city, rental properties are at a premium, so you have to be quick off the mark once they are listed if you find something you like. Be prepared to make a quick decision and have deposits and applications ready to roll asap or you could miss out.

Each agency has an application form which you will need to fill in, an example can be found here, [http://www.raywhite.com/im/raywhite/...ion%20Form.pdf](http://www.raywhite.com/im/raywhite/documents/Tenancy%20Application%20Form.pdf)

The forms are unlikely to differ much from agency to agency, but you will need the form from the agency the accommodation is listed with. You should be able to get a form when you view the property, but if you are in a high demand area and want to be ahead of the game collect a few forms from each of the rental agents offices first. Some agents will require one application form for each adult living in the house.

Regarding documentation, most agents work on the 100 point check (like the banks) so you will need documentation to add up to 100 points. Take photocopies of the relevant documents with you so you are good to go. For a list of how many points your documents are awarded see here:

Document Points

1. Passport - (current or expired within past 2 years, but not cancelled) 70\*
2. Birth Certificate 70\*
3. Citizenship Certificate 70\*
4. Australian driver's licence 40
5. Public Service Employee ID card 40
6. Social Security Card 40
7. Tertiary Education Student ID card 40
8. Mortgage documents 35
9. Letter from employer (current or within last 2 years) 35
10. A Rating Authority eg. land rates 35
11. Utility bill eg. electricity, gas or telephone 25
12. ATM card, credit card, bank book, bank statement 25
13. Council Rates Notice 25
14. Medicare Card 25
15. International driver's licence 25
16. Marriage certificate 25

\* Only one of these can count towards your 100 points

Rent is often listed per week, and you are likely to be required to pay the first two weeks rent in advance along with a bond (deposit), which is usually four weeks rent. Some people find that due to their newly acquired zero credit rating, paying several months rent in advance is the best option.

Unfurnished rental

If you manage to find an unfurnished rental for the medium term soon after you arrive you will most likely be keen to move into it as soon as possible. If you decided to ship the minimum of personal items from your country of origin and are planning to buy new once you arrive in Australia then you can start your purchasing frenzy and furnish your new accommodation with everything you need immediately.

If, however, you have chosen to ship your belongings from your country of origin, there are a few options available to you:

* Ship early and stay with relatives before you leave, so that your belongings arrive around the same time as you.
* Buy the bare essentials that you could make do with for the weeks until your own furniture turns up.
* Rent some furniture - furniture rental is a lot more common in Australia and can therefore offer a suitable short term solution for some. Below are a few Aus-wide furniture companies, and you may also find local companies in the area that you are moving to.

Others have found that they can get by with buying a few items to keep them ticking over until their shipment arrives. For example:

* Garden furniture which can initially be used as a dining table. Airbeds which can be used for visitors in the future. Cheap kitchen equipment which can be purchased from Ikea, Big W, Target or similar. A small TV which can be used as the main one then moved to the bedroom once the shipment arrives.
* Yard/garage sales also tend to be very common and offer a good opportunity to buy temporary solutions at knock down prices.

### Register for electricity/gas (online)

Some providers:

Synergy (Electricity)

Western Australia's largest energy provider, Electricity & Gas

[https://www.**synergy**.net.au/](https://www.synergy.net.au/)

Water Corporation of Western Australia (Water)

[https://www.**watercorporation**.com.au/](https://www.watercorporation.com.au/)

### Electricity & Natural Gas Supplier in Perth (Gas)

<https://alintaenergy.com.au/>

<https://www.kleenheat.com.au/>

[https://www.**synergy**.net.au/](https://www.synergy.net.au/)

[www.atco**gas**.com.au/](http://www.atcogas.com.au/)

Set up regular payments for utilities: may have to pay a deposit as you don’t have credit (approx $80).

### Advise removal company of new address

### Get a landline installed and set up internet access in your rental.

(find out who owns the line first). Internet access is also available without installing a landline (Naked DSL from iiNET).

Skype

You can use Skype or another VOIP (Voice Over Internet Provider) phone that you can plug into your computer - free international calls. Use an appropriate website or program (skype or messenger) and plug the phone in and your away.

If you get trouble with delays it could be your broadband provider or the phone or the computer or anything in between so make sure everything is in tip top condition - try your neighbour/friend/work computer to see if you can isolate exactly what the problem is!

Also, now available is a corded phone - VOIP CORDLESS phones that can be used anywhere in the house.

An alternative is to use phone cards.

### Transfer your overseas licence

**If you hold a permanent resident visa and are living in Western Australia, you can drive with your current overseas licence for up to 3 months.** During this time, you will need to apply for a WA driver's licence. See link below.

* Check if your current overseas driver's licence is from a recognised country.
* Ensure you meet the age and experience requirement for the classes of licence you are applying for
* Find out what tests you will need to undertake
* Prepare proof of identity, verification of documents and photographs
* Submit the application in person: Overseas driver's licence
* Undertake required tests: Overseas licence
* Pass the Practical Driving Assessment: Overseas licence (if required)

<http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/transferring-your-overseas-licence.asp>

### Go to Medicare

(You can only apply 7-10 days **after**arrival). You will be given a small slip, this will do until your Medicare card comes though. Also when applying ask about Medicare Safety Net and apply for that too [http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/...y-net-work.pdf](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/msn/files/1856-24-how-does-the-medicare-safety-net-work.pdf)

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/dhs/medicare>

### Register with Centrelink

Centrelink is the government agency who deals with job seeking and social security payments. They will be able to help you look for work, getting your skills achieved external to Aus recognised, and seeking suitable training courses.

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/>

### Get a local mobile phone/SIM card

You can either buy a whole brand new phone or buy a new SIM to use in your mobile phone. Either way, you will probably need to opt for Pay as You Go for the first few months until you can get a credit rating in Aus. If you are using your personal phone make sure it is unlocked before you can use a new SIM in it.

To buy a phone or a SIM card just visit the retailer of our choice. Most of them will have a store in most major towns, and you can locate them by visiting their website. Here are the main players:

Optus – <http://www.optus.com.au/>

Telstra – <https://www.telstra.com.au/>

Virgin – <http://www.virginmobile.com.au/>

Vodafone – <http://www.vodafone.com.au/>

You will need an address to register your Pay as You Go, however a hotel address or temporary address seems to suffice. Ask about offers as they don’t always advertise them.

### Apply for a tax file number

**Your tax file number (TFN) is your personal reference number in the tax and super systems**. You will need to fill out form 4157, which is especially designed for permanent migrants and temporary visitors with work rights. This should be completed online wherever possible, but you can’t do it until you arrive in Australia, and you must have a street address (not a PO Box) where they can send your TFN any time in the next 28 days.

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/>

You can get a copy of this form by ordering online:

<https://individuals.iorder.com.au/ilogin.aspx>

Or

* Phoning 1300 720 092 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
* Asking for one from centrelink or the department of veterans’ affairs

### Buy a cheap scanner/printer

There is lots of paperwork involved in finding a rental (application forms have to be in asap).

### Buying a car & getting car insurance

You will probably find that the Asian manufacturers are a lot more prevalent (and usually better value) than the European brands in Australia, and it often makes sense to choose them as the parts are a lot closer geographically should you have a problem. You can often find success negotiating on price, whether you're buying privately or from a dealer.

To get an idea of prices check out the following links before you set out to buy, and as a comparison once you have a model in mind:

[www.autotrader.com.au/](http://www.autotrader.com.au/)

[CarGuide.com.au - Let us make your new and used car search easy at Car Guide.](http://www.carguide.com.au/)

[Used Cars - New Cars - Search New & Used Cars For Sale - carsales.com.au](http://www.carsales.com.au/)

[Used Cars & New Cars for Sale | Car Sales | Car Reviews | drive.com.au](http://www.drive.com.au/)

[Red Book AU : Your site for New and Used vehicle prices](http://www.redbook.com.au/)

The vehicle should have a Safety Inspection Report (Pink Slip) – this verifies road worthiness. For more info visit the following link and select the authority for your region:

[Registration & Licences - australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au/301)

Once you have made the purchase you will need to transfer the registration (rego/green slip) to your name. You need to do this within 14 days of the purchase or you will pay a late fee. Standard registration is for 12 months, but if you buy a car it could be at any point through that period. For information on how to apply for the transfer visit the following:

<http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/buy-sell-or-transfer-a-vehicle.asp>

If you are buying privately you can arrange for the motoring organisation in your area to check over the car for you before you buy for a small fee. See RAC as below:

<https://rac.com.au/car-motoring/car-servicing-and-repair/vehicle-inspections>

You will also be required to pay Goods & Service Tax (GST) on your vehicle purchase. GST works on a sliding scale so the more your car is worth the more the GST will be. Once you register the car you will receive a tax bill for it. The amount taxed will vary from state to state.

Car Insurance

Registration (rego) includes a compulsory insurance, known as the Green Slip, to cover Injury to third parties. It covers the owner or driver of the motor vehicle in the event of an accident against any legal liability or obligation that they may have to anyone that they injure, it only covers personal injury and NOT damage to other property, cars etc. Most people take out insurance on top of this. Fully comprehensive insurance is usually the norm.

AAMI - [Car Insurance Australia - AAMI Car Insurance Quotes - CTP Insurance - AAMI](http://www.aami.com.au/)

Budget Direct - [Car Insurance Australia – Multi Award Winning Car Insurance and Online Quotes – Budget Direct](http://www.budgetdirect.com.au/)

ING - [ING Car Insurance](http://www.ing.com.au/public/ms_insurance/9999.asp)

NRMA - [NRMA Insurance - NRMA Motoring & Services](http://www.nrma.com.au/)

RACQ - [rac.com.au/go/insurance/motor](http://rac.com.au/go/insurance/motor)

Make sure you know the road rules. If buying a car from a dealership, they may sort out insurance for you.

### Health Insurance

Many Australians choose to take out some form of private medical insurance, medical insurance companies are referred to as funds. There are a wide range of cover options available from a variety of suppliers.

The Australian government provide information about private medical cover on the following web pages:

[www.health.gov.au/privatehealth](http://www.health.gov.au/privatehealth)

and the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) also provide information and advice including a booklet designed to help you decide whether to take out private medical insurance:

Types of cover

Ancillary cover will insure for what are considered to be those basics that Medicare don't account for, such as dentistry, optometry, podiatry etc.

Hospital cover allows you to choose who will treat us and in which hospital we will be treated (public or private). Do not assume that our full hospital bill will be covered as the level of cover differs from plan to plan.

Government incentives

There are a number of Government schemes in place to encourage those who can afford it to invest in private medical insurance and thus relieve some of the pressure on the public health system.

The Medicare Levy Surcharge (MLS) is a surcharge of 1%, on top of the standard 1.5% Medicare levy on income, which is charged to high income earners who do not choose to take out private medical cover.

A rebate of 30% is offered by the Government on private health insurance premiums. Even if your employer has paid your premium you are still entitled to claim the rebate.

The Lifetime Health Cover incentive scheme aims to encourage Australians to take out cover early in life rather than in their later years when they are more likely to make claims. Taking out cover before the 31st July after your 31st birthday leads to reduced premiums for life. A 2% loading is added to premiums for every year after the subjects 30th birthday that the insurance policy is started. Migrants over 31 can participate in the Lifetime Health Cover scheme provided that they take out insurance prior to the first anniversary of the day they became eligible for Medicare.

Qualifying periods

Most funds have a system whereby for a specified period of time at the beginning of your insurance you cannot claim benefits. A health fund can pose up to a 12 month waiting period for hospital cover and a limitless waiting period for ancillary cover to account for pre-existing conditions which should have been picked up in a medical before you subscribed to the insurance. Health funds cannot refuse you cover due to a pre-existing condition.

If you have an accident after joining the fund the qualifying period does not usually apply

Membership categories

There are 4 types of membership category:-

* Single Cover for one person named on the application
* Couple: Cover for contributor and one other adult
* Family Cover for contributor, another adult + upto 2 dependent children
* Single parent: Cover for contributor and upto 2 dependent children

Funds

Funds must be registered under the National Health Act 1953. The websites of some popular funds can be reached using the links below:

[Medibank Private - choose medibank private for health cover and travel insurance](http://www.medibank.com.au/)

[Health Insurance, Private Health Cover, Home & Contents Insurance, Private Health Insurance - Australian Unity](http://www.australianunity.com.au/)

[Health Insurance, Travel Insurance, Life Insurance, Retirement Solutions - MBF Group](http://www.mbf.com.au/)

[Private Health Insurance, Private Health Cover, Health Care - HBA Health Insurance Health Insurance](http://www.hba.com.au/)

[nib health funds](http://www.nib.com.au/)

[Health Insurance Australia - ahm - provides Health Insurance, Travel Insurance, Health Management, OSHC, Corporate Health Cover and Overseas Visitors Cover](http://www.ahmg.com.au/)

(check if covers dental)

Choosing a health care fund can be a daunting task due to the wide variety of plans available. A number of advisory bodies are available and they should be able to help is with our decision.

[Private Health Insurance Australia - iSelect](http://www.iselect.com.au/) - compares five of the top fund suppliers packages

[Health Insurance Australia - HICA](http://www.hica.com.au/) - Offers advice on health insurance including a free online health insurance assessment

[Australian Medical Association](http://www.ama.com.au/) - Australian Medical Association - provides a checklist for comparing funds

[Personal Finance, Shares, Money, Superannuation News - moneymanager.com.au](http://moneymanager.smh.com.au/) - Sydney Morning Herald Money Manager - offers a clearly explained guide to how health care works in Australia

### Register at a local school

To enrol a child(ren) in a school first telephone and make an appointment to enrol. You'll need to take with you your v**isa documents, proof of date of birth, hand over file from their old school** detailing their education to date, any reports etc. You may also be **required to produce immunisation documents.** So check when you make the appointment or take them along anyway. Also, if there is a strict catchment area, you will be asked to provide a copy of your rental agreement.

The Australian education system

The responsibility for education is divided between State and Territory governments and the Australian Government; therefore situations will differ slightly from state to state so the info below offers a rough guideline only. For information on the area you are settling in please visit the relevant state education portal using the links below:

Victoria - [Redirect Notice for the Department of Education and Training](http://www.det.vic.gov.au/det/)

School Type Age Grade

* Pre-School 4 n/a
* Primary School 5-12 Kindie/Prep to Y6
* Secondary/High School 12-16 Yr7 – 10
* College/High School 16-18 Yr11-12
* University 18+ n/a

Sometimes secondary/high school and college run into one. Schools referred to as public are schools run by the state and not privately run schools. In most states school is compulsory between the ages of 6 and 15, through primary and secondary/high school.

The school year in Australia runs from late January/early February to December. With the exception of Tasmania who has 3 terms, all states have a 4 term year. There is a long summer holiday during December/January and a break of between 10 days and 1 month between each term. The school day runs from around 8:00 am to around 3pm.

Subjects and Examinations

Primary school and the first four years of secondary school teach the core subjects such as Maths, English and Science, with elective subjects also becoming available in secondary school. Students in years 11 and 12 are encouraged to specialise in subjects of their choice. Students satisfying requirements for their final year will be given an overall grade which compares them with final year students in their state or territory. The results of this grade can help them get into university if they wish. Several schools are now offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) which is recognised in universities in other countries too.

Attendance requirements

Many schools have a uniform and it will be expected that your child wears a uniform if there is one. Free lunches are not usually provided by state schools, there is often a canteen on site selling food and drink, although most students take their lunch to school with them.

School buses are not the norm for public schools, it is your responsibility to get your child to school. Corporal punishment is not used in many schools across Australia - children are encouraged to respect their peers and teachers.

Some schools will require that your child's immunisation record reaches a certain standard.

Private schools

There are a wide selection of private schools around the country for a variety of budgets. There are also a lot of catholic schools which are usually private and often a lot cheaper than other private schools. The choice between state and private schools is a personal one and a constant debate.

### Find a doctor:

Some doctors bulk bill, which means that you don't get charged anything by the doctor - you sign the form at the end of the consultation and you pay nothing out of your own pocket. The doctor then claims your fee direct from Medicare. You can visit any doctor we like and move around each time if we want to.

### Find a dentist

### Apply for Family Tax Benefit (Centrelink)

**Family Tax Benefit** (FTB) is a payment that helps eligible **families** with the cost of raising children. It is made up of two parts: FTB Part A – is paid per-child and the amount paid is based on the **family's** circumstances. Follow the link below:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/family-tax-benefit>

### Visit a mortgage broker

House buying is fairly simple. Lots more properties are failing at auction, or being sold prior. If you want the house, you

* Pay 10pct deposit
* Sign a contract (making any changes you feel necessary such as having a building inspection)
* Agree settlement date
* Hand over conveyancer/solicitor details
* Wait for c/s to tell you how to pay, or what cheques need to be drawn up.

Move in! Once a contract is signed, it is binding.

<http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/family-and-community/housing-and-property>

### Get a dog permit :

Rabbits? No! Australia is not keen on rabbits, but they definitely are a pet loving nation with dogs and cats at the top of the list. Thousands of pet owners bring their dogs and cats with them when they migrate to Australia.

To keep dogs and cats as pets in the City of Perth, owners must abide by Council rules and regulations.

<https://www.perth.wa.gov.au/living-community/information-residents-and-ratepayers/animals-and-pets>

### Where to shop?

When you first get here, you have absolutely no idea where to go for things (beds/TVs/toasters etc etc etc).

Use the list below as a rough guide.

**Electrical Goods:**

* **Good Guys**

https://www.thegoodguys.com.au/

* **Retravision**

<http://www.retravision.com.au/>

* **Harvey Norman**

<http://www.harveynorman.com.au/>

* **JB Hi-Fi**

<http://www.jbhifi.com.au/>

* **Myer**

<http://www.myer.com.au/>

**Furniture:**

* **Freedom**

<http://www.freedom.com.au/>

* **Domayne**

<http://www.domayne.com.au/>

* **IKEA**

<http://www.ikea.com/au/en/preindex.html>

**Supermarkets:**

* **Coles**

<http://www.coles.com.au/>

* **Woolworths**

<http://www.woolworths.com.au/>

* **IGA**

<http://www.iga.com.au/>

**Beds:**

* **Forty Winks**

<http://www.fortywinks.com.au/>

* **Bedshed**

<http://www.bedshed.com.au/>

* **Snooze**

<https://www.snooze.com.au/Beds>

**Department** **Stores:**

* **David Jones**

<http://www.adairs.com.au/>

* **Domayne**

<http://www.domayne.com.au/>

* **kmart**

<http://www.kmart.com.au/>

* **Myer**

<http://www.myer.com.au/>

* **Target**

<http://www.myer.com.au/>

* **BigW**

<http://www.bigw.com.au/>

**DIY/Hardware:**

* **Bunnings**

<http://www.bunnings.com.au/>

* **Mitre10**

<http://www.mitre10.com.au/>

**BBQ’s:**

* **Barbeques Galore**

<http://www.barbequesgalore.com.au/>

* **Bunnings**

<http://www.bunnings.com.au/>

### Study English:

Migrants arriving in Australia though come from all over the world. Whilst the main applicant on some visa types needs to prove a certain level of proficiency in the English language in order to lodge a successful application, not all do. Also, some of the immediate family and dependents of those main applicants can often arrive here without good English language skills. In 2015/16, India topped the list of source countries for migrants coming to Australia.

To embrace this country fully, to integrate with those around you, to enjoy your life in Australia to the max, speaking English is a priority.

Adult Migrant English Program

AMEP is an Australian Government Department of Education and Training funded program that will help qualifying participants to learn English for free to help them settle confidently into life in Australia.

There are so many advantages to learning or improving your English:

* Make new friends
* Improve your chances of getting a job
* Integrate more easily into Australian life
* Order food in a restaurant without pointing at the pictures in the menu

Study English for free

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides up to 510 hours of English language tuition to eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants. The program helps students learn foundation English language and settlement skills to enable them to participate socially and economically in Australian society.

**Eligibility conditions apply;** eligible new migrants **must register for the program within six months** **of their visa** being issued, so it’s important to do this as soon as possible after arriving in Australia.

Study locations

Coverage is nationwide, please choose the closest location to where you will be or are living to find out the full details of how this will work.

**Western Australia**

North Metropolitan TAFE: <https://central.wa.edu.au/amep/Pages/default.aspx>

South Metropolitan TAFE: <http://www.polytechnic.wa.edu.au/content/amep>